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Editorial

BE sure to read the communication in this issue by the secretary and treasurer of the Publication Board, Brother Cassel. It will interest you.

A SPEAKER at a recent Christian convention said, our churches need more faith, more funds, and more fire. The New York *Observer* aptly says if we have the first and last of these three essentials we shall not lack the funds. When God gets hold of a man's heart he usually gets his funds also.

Now that the quarter is drawing to a close we suggest that all schools make a special preparation for a practical and helpful review of the Sabbath-school lessons of the quarter. The Quarterly contains twenty-four practical questions which cover the ground and they will be a very fair test as to what we have learned of the lessons for the last three months.

SPEAKING of the urgent need of effectual sermons, sermons prepared prayerfully and carefully, an exchange remarks, and we affirm the statement, "A sermon that is a barrier instead of a blessing is not fit even for the bottom of the barrel." No doubt there are many sermons which it would be far better if they were left at the bottom of the barrel. At any rate they can do no harm there.

In this issue appears the second monthly report of the secretary of the National Mission Board of the Brethren church. The report is for the month of October, and while not as encouraging as we would like to see it, yet we have reasons to feel encouraged because the work is moving along and our people are becoming more and more disposed to support our missions. We trust the month of November will show a handsome increase over that of October.

It seems that some of our people think there is too much begging thro' the EVANGELIST for the support of the different departments of our church work. Such should remember that *giving* is a doctrine as emphatically taught in our creed as the doctrine of baptism. More than that, we have a great deal more literature on the subject of baptism than on the subject of giving. People are far better informed on the former than on the latter. In fact our baptism is universally acknowledged to be right; our people

thoroughly believe in it, and there is not now as much need of teaching on this subject as on the subject of giving, so far as our own people are concerned. The church member who never helps any good cause with his means is not any better than the man who has not been baptized. We repeat that in emphasizing the doctrine of giving we do not make less of baptism but more of this, a much neglected doctrine.

THE attention of every member of the Brethren church in the State of Ohio is called to the appeal by the State Mission Board. This matter should have the immediate attention of pastors and people. It is urgent. Calls for help have come to the Board from different parts of the State, and until there are funds in the treasury the Board is in a manner helpless so far as answering these calls is concerned. Let there be prompt action on the part of all the churches in the State. Send money to the Secretary, C. E. Deffenbaugh, Glenford, Ohio.

THE *Reformed Church Messenger* very truthfully says: The National Thanksgiving is incomplete if it does not include among its chief blessings that which comes to its people and institutions through the church of Jesus Christ. The restraining power of the church is greater than that of the law; its reformatory power greater than that of all other public institutions combined. Its uplifting and ennobling influence cannot be calculated. It gives to a majority of the citizens of the state ideas and principles which are of more importance than all the teaching of the schools. The quiet realization of its type of manhood and womanhood is of far more importance than growth in wealth. To attain to the righteousness it promulgates is greater gain than any degree of commercial prosperity. The nation had better forget the cunning of her right hand than to forget that.

WE wish to call special attention to the announcement in this issue by Brother Talley in the Young People's department. Brother Talley is exceedingly busy and has not the time to devote to the editorial work of the paper necessary to make it what it ought to be. *King's Children* had its mission and filled an important place in the church. The publication of the paper is indefinitely postponed. Brother Talley is President of the National Mission Board, District Evangelist of Illiokota and pastor of the Milledgeville

church; he is also President of the National King's Children Society. Those whose subscriptions to *King's Children* extend into the year 1898 can have their money returned to them in stamps, or they can select any of our publications, tracts or pamphlets to the full amount due them. Or if they choose the amount may be applied to EVANGELIST subscriptions. Please note this.

IN reply to the appeals of the church for money to carry on the work of the Master it is often said, "We have given our share." But have you ever considered what is your share? With what rule do you measure the Lord's portion? What is your share? It is not a matter of shares, it is entirely a matter of a ability to give, and whether you have given five or ten times, has nothing to do with it. How many times have you prayed this year? A great number of times. Will you now cease praying, because you have prayed your share? If the pastor should call on you to lead in prayer would you say you have prayed? Certainly not. We are to be doers of the Word, which means that we are to continue in doing, not doing once for all, and then cease, but to *continue* in doing the Word. The commandment to love one another can not be obeyed to-day for to-morrow. However much you may have loved this year, you still owe the same duty to your fellowmen next year, and will continue to owe it though you discharge each day's obligation.

A GENTLEMAN who used to read *The Youth's Companion* when a boy, and reads it with the same interest now that he is a middle-aged man, was asked the other day if he had not outgrown *The Companion*. "I don't believe," said he, "that I can ever outgrow it. I find in it not only the cheery, hopeful spirit of youth, but the wisdom and experience of age. I like it just as much as when I was a boy, tho perhaps in a different way. But I know that it is the same *Youth's Companion* with which I grew up, for my boys and girls like it as well as ever I did. It is a good paper to grow up with."

The Youth's Companion will contain the best thought of the best thinkers of America and Europe during 1898. It will print serial and short stories of absorbing interest, and true tales of adventure. The various departments of the paper will be a current record of the best work that is being done in the world. Present readers of *The Companion* who renew their subscriptions, and all new